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Mr. Shay Assad assumed the role of Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy and Strategic Sourcing (DPAP) in April 2006. Mr. Assad is responsible for all Department of Defense (DoD) acquisition and procurement policy matters. He serves as the principal advisor to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Acquisition (ASD(A)), Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology (A&T) and the Defense Acquisition Board on acquisition/procurement strategies for all major weapon systems programs, major automated information systems programs and services acquisitions.



He is responsible for procuring/sourcing functional business process requirements in the DoD's Business Enterprise Architecture (BEA) and Enterprise Transition Plan (ETP). Mr. Assad is DoD's advisor for competition, source selection, multiyear contracting, warranties, leasing and all international contracting matters. He is also the functional leader for contracting and oversees all strategic sourcing within DoD.

Before assuming this position, Mr. Assad was the Assistant Deputy Commandant, Installations and Logistics (Contracts), Headquarters, Marine Corps, Washington, D.C. He had held the position as the Marine Corps' senior civilian contracting official since June 2004.

Upon graduating with distinction from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1972, he served two tours of duty aboard U.S. Navy destroyers and won recognition as Outstanding Junior Officer, Fifth Naval District. He then served as a Naval Procurement Officer at the Naval Sea Systems Command, where he was responsible for the negotiation and administration of the Aegis Weapons Systems engineering and production contracts.

In August 2007, he received DoD's medal for exceptional civilian service. In addition, he has also been recognized as an AbilityOne (formerly JAWOD) Champion.